

Conservation Security Program

Oregon Natural Resources Conservation Service



*You've been
taking care
of natural
resources
on your
land for
years...

...now,
you have a
chance to be
financially
rewarded
for your
work.*

Conservation Security Program Overview

The Conservation Security Program (CSP) was authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill to reward farmers and ranchers who are implementing conservation on America's working lands. CSP is a voluntary program based on conservation accomplishments that recognizes the contributions of the best land stewards and encourages them to do more.

"CSP has the potential to alter the face of conservation in this country. It identifies and rewards those farmers and ranchers who meet the highest standards of conservation and environmental management on their operations." – NRCS Chief Bruce Knight.

The Watershed Approach

To provide the best service possible to producers, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is implementing CSP on a watershed basis. Focusing on high priority watersheds allows NRCS to provide quality service to more applicants than if the program were implemented nationwide because of limits on both program and technical assistance funding in Fiscal Year 2004.

CSP is being offered in 18 watersheds in 22 states across the country. The Umatilla Watershed has been chosen as a CSP priority watershed for 2004.

Signing up for CSP

The CSP sign-up period will run from July 6-30, 2004.

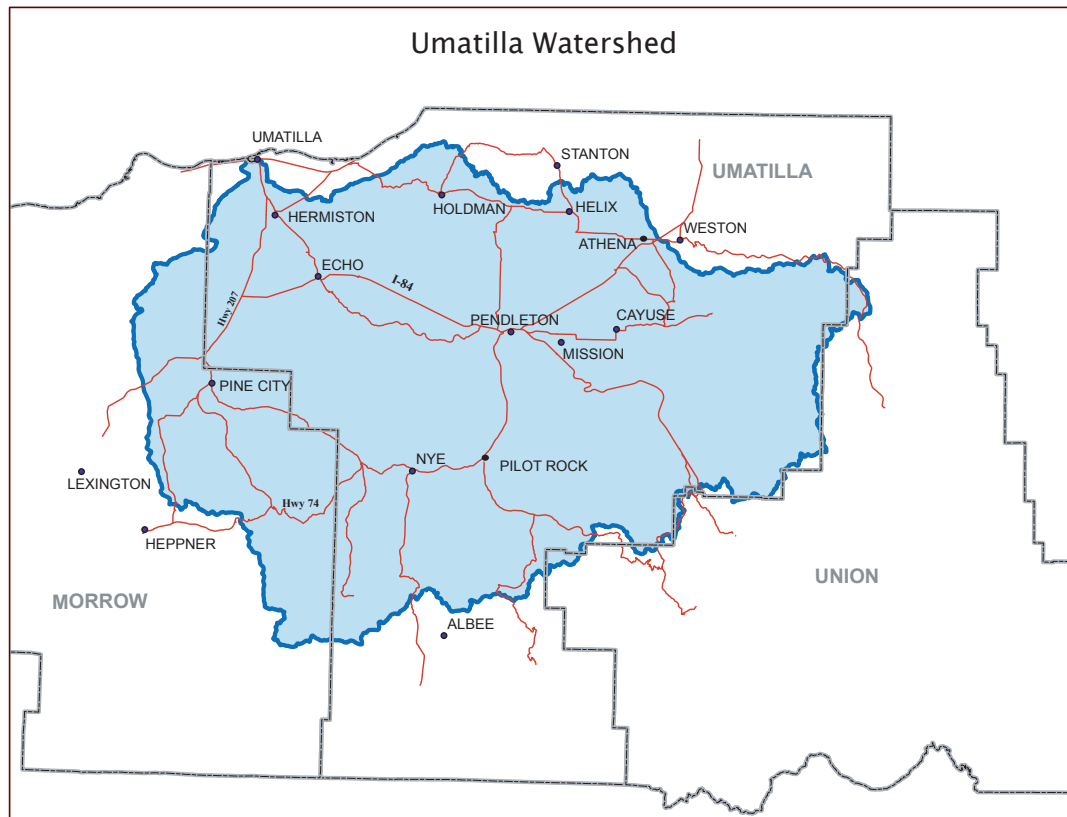
Applicants will be selected at the national level for the 2004 sign-up. The fact sheet entitled "CSP Eligibility, Qualification and Application Steps" contains detailed information about applying for CSP. Generally, to apply, land managers will need to complete the following steps:

1. Complete a Self-Assessment Workbook. Self-assessment workshops will be offered from June 29 - July 1 and July 13-15 to assist you
2. Contact your local field office to receive a USDA (also called SCIMS) Identification Number
3. Gather appropriate records and documentation
4. Meet with your Local NRCS staff to confirm your eligibility, documentation and determine your enrollment category
5. Submit your Conservation Stewardship Plan
6. If you are selected for funding, complete your Conservation Stewardship Contract

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**For more information,
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